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ANALYSIS & DISTRIBUTION BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy LA PAZ

DATE: November 16 1962

SUBJECT : Castro-Cuban Influence in Violent Demonstration of October 26, 1962.

REF : Department's Circular Airgram 801 of October 30, 1962.

The Embassy's airgram 366 reported communist-led violence in La Paz on October 26, 1962, and transmitted fly sheets issued by communist-front organizations. Copies of newspapers reporting the incident were sent by transmittal slip to ARA/WST. These newspapers showed pictures of the so-called "Assassin in Blue" who has been publicly identified as Walter QUISBERT Barrios. Glossy prints of the pictures appearing in the newspaper are being transmitted through other channels.

Walter Quisbert is a member of the pro-Castro MNR Youth Command. He traveled to Cuba in March 1962.

The following were seen passing out arms to members of the Central Obrera Boliviana and to members of the Avanzada Universitaria, a pro-Castro organization.

Simon REYES - Communist mine workers' leader from Potosí. Has traveled to Moscow.

Jaime de la TORRE - Labor leader who has traveled to Moscow.

Benedicto DELGADILLO - Member of pro-Castro Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Traveled to Cuba in January 1961. Member of Cochabamba COD, departmental labor confederation.

José María PALACIOS - National Deputy of the MNR party. Well-known pro-communist.

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Others identified carrying weapons during the October 26 incident are:

Ramiro REYNAGA - Editor of the pro-Cuban bulletin EL ECO.

Andres SOLIZ Rada - Leader of a pro-Cuban group in the Law School of the University of San Andrés in La Paz.

Daniel QUEVEDO - Traveled to Cuba in July 1962.

Max CASTILLO - A frequent visitor to the Cuban Embassy in La Paz.

Fanor QUEVEDO - Traveled to Cuba in March 1962.

Irineo PIMENTEL - Invited to visit Cuba. Has complete freedom of entry into the Cuban Embassy in La Paz.

Alberto VARGAS - Traveled to Cuba in June 1962.

Jorge AMUSQUIVAR - Member of pro-Castro MNR Youth Command.

Raul QUEVEDO - Member of pro-Castro Frente de Acción Popular Universitaria.

Alfredo ROJAS - Member Frente de Acción Popular Universitaria.

Mario MIRANDA - Member of Castro-front Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Traveled to Cuba in January 1961. Member of Frente de Acción Popular Universitaria.

Augusto HUICI - Chief of MNR Youth Command in La Paz.

Plutarco PANTILIZ - Member of Frente de Acción Popular Universitaria and frequent visitor to Cuban Embassy in La Paz.

Enrique PORTILLA - Professional communist agitator. Former non-commissioned officer in Bolivian Army. Has marksman rating with a rifle.

Juan Alberto ORTIZ - Traveled to Cuba in April and December 1961.

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Francisco BLACUTT/- Traveled to Cuba in March 1962. Recently employed as assistant to Minister of Education. Led group of armed men from the Ministry of Education on October 26, though the Ministry had announced that none of its personnel would be permitted to take part in the demonstration.

Roberto VEGA


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